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¶ A Proclamation for reſtraint of tranſportation of grayne beyonde the ſeas.

THE Queenes Maieſtie vnderſtandyng of the ſodayne increaſe of the prices of grayne, for the more part vniuerſally in the Realme, as it is to be coniectured partlye by the vnſeaſonableneſſe of the late haruеſt tyme, and partlye by reaſon of exceſſiue tranſportation of grayne out of the Realme, into the parties beyonde the ſeas, whereby yf ſtay be not ſpeedyly made for anye further tranſportation, there may folowe a great dearth, whiche ſhal hardly be borne of a great number of her good louing ſubiects: doth therfore ſtraightly charge and commaunde al maner her ſubiectes, and other inhabitauntes within this Realme, to forbeare from the day of the publication hereof, from the ſhyppyng or ladyng into any veſſell, any maner of grayne, to the intent the ſame ſhoulde be directly or indirectly caryed and tranſported into any partes beyonde the ſeas, vppon payne of impriſonment, and other further punihmentes, due by the lawes of the Realme. And yf any officers in anye porte Townes, as Cuſtomers, Comptrollers, Searchers, or ſuche lyke, ſhall eyther them ſelues offend herein, or ſhall not do theyr endeuour to ſtay any ſuche tranſportation, or yf they can not conueniently ſtay the ſame, ſhall not make due and ſpeedye inſourmation thereof to her Maieſtie, her priuie counſell, or to the principal officers of her Exchequer, then they, beſydes the former punihmentes, to forfeyte theyr offices. And conſydering it can not be well auoyded, but that ſome quantitie of grayne is to be caryed from one porte to another porte, to ſerue the neceſſitie of ſome other part of the Realme: in ſuche caſe, the officers of the portes ſhal diligently ſee, that good ſureties with bondes be taken of perſons being of valure aunſwerable for the ſame, to bryng due certificates from the portes where the ſame ſhall aryue and be vnladen: And that for more aſſurance thereof, the officers of the portes, ſhal thereof make theyr certificates into the Exchequer within two monthes after the ariuall thereof, vpon payne of forfeyture of theyr offices.

And by that it is thought, that it ſhal appeare by the ende of October next, what effect ſhal folow hereof, to the diminution of the exceſſiue prices, her Maieſtie meaneth that this maner of reſtraynt ſhall not continue by force of this Proclamation, but to the ende of the ſayd moneth of October nowe folowing.

Geuen at Woodſtocke, the. xvi. day of September. 1572. the foureteenth yere of her Maieſties raigne.

God ſaue the Queene.

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